

MINUTES
Becket Conservation Commission
Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street
6:30 PM October 16, 2014

Commissioners Present: Scott Morley, Chair; Richard Pryor, Vice Chair; Marty Winters; Shepley Evans, Agent.

Commissioners Absent: Laurel Burgwardt; Cindi Delpapa.

Members of the Public: Shawna Garanzuay & Jaime Garanzuay; Ron Birrell; Raymond Ellsworth; Fred Sears; Matt Kelly, Brian Bunto & Maryellen Edwards of Northeast Utilities; Mike Kulig of Berkshire Engineering, Mark Siegars.

Meeting opened at 6:35 with Mr. Morley presiding.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting.**
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters to accept the minutes as distributed.
Unanimous approval.
- 2. Notice of Intent. DEP File # 102-0403.** Raymond & Sherri Ellsworth property at 818 Surriner Road, Map 412 Lot 24.1. Construction of a 890 sq. ft. addition to their residence. Mr. Ellsworth summarized the project and reviewed the erosion controls that are to be installed between the house and Mountain Pasture Brook about 175 feet away. The Commission had made a site visit to the property before the meeting. Mr. Morley opened the floor for public comment. There was none.
Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Winters, to close public comment.
Unanimous approval.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters, to approve the project with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.
- 3. Request for Determination of Applicability.** Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. for Northeast Utilities Service Co., work in the right-of-way along Jacobs Ladder Road, Removing an existing manhole and cables and installing new poles, manhole and cable. The Commission had reviewed the project at a site visit prior to the meeting.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.

4. **Request for Determination of Applicability** . Michael Kulig of Berkshire Engineering for John Courtemanche, property at 531 Otis Road. Installing a new private water supply well to replace an existing historic well. Erosion controls and the need for a slurry pit were discussed and agreed. The Commission had conducted a site visit prior to the meeting.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Pryor, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.
5. **Request for Determination of Applicability.** Preston Webb for Ivan Rosenblum, property at 687 Seneca Drive. Demolition of an existing deck, installation of concrete footings and construction of a new deck conforming to Mass building codes.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters, to issue a Negative Determination # 3 with standard conditions and special conditions that all excavate be removed from the site on the day of excavation and that equipment be stored over night in the driveway next to the house.
Unanimous approval.
6. **Request for Determination of Applicability.** Fred Sears of Hill Engineers for Stuart and Marleen Hacker, property at 567 King Richard Drive. Repair of a residential septic system.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Pryor, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions.
Unanimous approval.
7. **Request for Determination of Applicability.** Michael Kulig of Berkshire Engineering for Barbara Engles, property at 1B Goodwin Road. At Mr. Kulig's request the matter is continued to the next meeting on November 20th.
8. **Request for Determination of Applicability.** Michael Kulig of Berkshire Engineering for Christopher Smith, property at 683 King Richard Drive. The project is a subsurface sewage disposal system upgrade within the 100 foot buffer zone of Robinhood Lake. Plan amended and signed by Mr. Kulig.
Motion by Mr. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Winters, to issue a Negative Determination #3 with standard conditions and with a special condition that 50 feet of extra straw wattles be kept on site for emergencies.
Unanimous approval.

Miscellaneous Items

1. **Partial Certificate of Compliance.** Signing the Partial Certificate of Compliance for Eleanor Thomas unanimously approved at the September 18, 2014 meeting of the Commission.

2. **Certificate of Compliance** requested by Aquatic Control Technology for all of the work permitted under the Order of Conditions issued 6-23-2014 DEP File # 102-0400.
Motion by Mr. Morley that the Commission issue an enforcement order, no second.

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Morley, that the Commission issue a partial Certificate of Compliance covering all of the work permitted under the Order of Conditions, with an Ongoing Condition as follows:

The Mass DCR Lakes and Ponds Program will engage the community of all stakeholders, abutters and interested parties in a dialogue in pursuit of lake management plans for Buckley Dunton Reservoir over the course of the coming 2015 calendar year. The Program will provide the Becket Conservation Commission with quarterly feedback reports on the progress made toward establishing such plans.

Unanimous approval.

3. **Re-introduction of the Request for Determination of Applicability.** Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering for William Cullen of 263 Tyringham Road seeking a permit to clean up slash and trees left following a timbering operation by prior owners. The Commission has conducted a site visit and Ms.Boomsma has flagged the area where fallen trees and brush may not be removed adjacent to the stream running through the property.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Winters, to issue a Negative Determination #2 with standard conditions plus special conditions as follows: Equipment must be stored and/or refueled more than 200 feet from the stream; A Hazmat Response Kit will be kept with the equipment at all times; All clearing of slash will be upgrade of the flagged line more or less parallel to the stream; and, If a chipper is used, no piles of chips are to be left within 200 feet of the stream.
Unanimous approval.

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4. The Commission discussed the issuance of an enforcement letter for cutting wetland vegetation at #74 Bow South. The Commission understands that Shannon Boomsma of White Engineering will be submitting a Notice of Intent for construction of a septic system and other site work including remediation of the cutting violation. It was suggested that the Commission should lift the cease & desist order included in the letter in order to preserve the Commission's and DEP's ability to act in this matter.
Motion by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr Winters, to lift the Cease & Desist Order. Unanimous approval.

5. The Commission ratified several beaver permits that the Agent had signed in the weeks prior to the meeting.

**Motion by Mr. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Winters to adjourn.
Unanimous approval.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shepley Evans, Conservation Agent